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Message of the Stake Presidency

Each of us would object most strenuously if anyone assumed to take from us the civic rights to which we are entitled. These rights we know have come to us largely as a dearly bought heritage. To discuss and finally to vote on important issues that effect our lives and on the selection of men to occupy key public positions is of vital concern and should be zealously guarded by every citizen worthy of the name. These rights and their attendant responsibilities are inherent in the Constitution of the United States of America which we truly believe was inspired of God.

Some of Us are Being Deprived Of Our Civic Rights

Here in California we soon face another important election and we need to be fully informed and alert to our duties and responsibilities as citizens. Vital matters and issues call for our intelligent consideration and yet there are among us those who are being deprived of these rights. By whom? Not by any invader or self-appointed dictator. Under present conditions these rights can be taken from us only by ourselves—by our own indifference and neglect. It is sad to note that even among some otherwise good Latter-Day Saints there are those who fail to do their part to uphold and preserve our God-given freedom and democratic form of government by faithfully recording their judgment on the issues and men appearing on the ballot.

Unconcern and civic complacency deprive us of our rights and thus jeopardize our form of self government just as surely and effectively as if an invader had assumed command and had swept aside our rights as free men. If we would keep our liberties we must constantly earn them.

Occasionally an appeal has been made to us to urge the members of the Oakland Stake to vote for or against this man or this issue but we cannot as a Stake Presidency take an official stand on such matters. To do so would be to violate the sacred duties and prerogatives pertaining to this holy office.

Similarly in temporal undertakings either by individuals or by organized groups we are happy if requested to aid in the analysis and study of proposals to bring out the

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Daughter of Pioneers Convention

A great gathering of the Camps of the Daughters of the Pioneers was held October 5 in Salt Lake City at the Hotel Utah, with Mrs. Kate Carter, president, in charge. Luncheon was enjoyed at the Lion House. La Ree Tolman, Alameda County President, presented to the Convention a report on the trek made by the S. F. and Alameda Camps on July 31 last to the great plaque in San Francisco marking the landing spot of the Brooklyn Colony under Sam Brannan when they made history on the pages of America's progress by being the first Colony of American citizens to land in San Francisco after the stars and stripes had been raised by the marines under Commodore Montgomery a few weeks earlier in that month of July, 1846.

Last Minute News

DIVISION OF THE STAKE

Just as the Messenger went to press the Presidency brought definite news from the General Authorities that Oakland Stake will be divided at this Stake Conference into two Stakes to be called, we understand, Oakland and Berkeley Stakes. The dividing line will run along Lake Shore Boulevard and northward in such a way that Martinez and Pittsburg Wards will be included in the new Oakland Stake, we are advised.



Outside view of L.D.S. Institute and a small part of the extensive landscaped grounds at 2368 Le Conte Street, one half block north of the U. C. Campus, Berkeley, California. Approximately 4000 students annually receive religious instruction and guidance in the fifteen L.D.S. Institutes now found at various western colleges and universities. Enrollment at the U. C. Institute was effected October 6 to 9, and class hours will be arranged to meet the U. C. schedules of the greatest number of students enrolled.

Stake Quarterly Conference Division of the Stake?

The esteemed leaders will be welcomed, no doubt, by a record attendance at the Stake Quarterly Conference when it convenes at the MacArthur Boulevard Stake house October 12 and 13.

The chief item intriguing the minds of members of the Stake as this conference approaches is the likelihood of the division of the Stake which has now grown to be the largest in the church as to numbers. That this division at this conference is a possibility, not to say a probability, is indicated by an announcement by President Eugene Hilton on the eve of the entire Stake presidency's leaving on October 3 to attend the General Conference of the church in Salt Lake City.

President Hilton stated that the Stake presidency had received an official request to meet as a body with the general authorities while in Salt Lake to discuss questions concerning the possible division of the Stake in harmony with recommendations recently made by the Stake Presidency and High Council to the General Authorities.

The Quarterly Conference begins Saturday, October 12 at seven o'clock in the evening. Two very interesting meetings will be held that evening. At 7:00 the Stake and Ward Welfare Workers meet with Elder Lee, Managing Director of the Church Welfare Committee, and with Clifford Young, advisor to that Committee. At 8:00 the great Leadership meeting assembles in the main chapel. This meeting is designed for the Stake Presidency and High Council and Clerk, the Patriarchs, Stake Melchizedak Priesthood Quorum and Group Leaders and Secretaries, Stake Missionary Committee, and Mission President and District leaders, Stake Committees for both Aaronic and Adult Aaronic Priesthood, the Ward Bishops, clerks and Aaronic advisers.

Sunday morning will feature double sessions at 9:00 a. m., one

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Latest News

L. D. S. Institute Dedication

George T. Boyd, Director of the new L. D. S. Institute on Le Conte Street, Berkeley, announces that Harold R. Lee of the Council of Twelve Apostles will dedicate the institute on Monday evening, October 14, at 7:00 p. m. Attendance for the dedication is necessarily limited to U. C. students, and a limited number of Stakes and Ward officers and their wives who will receive written invitations. This will include bishops, high councilors, patriarchs, stake presidencies of Oakland and nearby stakes, and a few others.

Open House For All

Open house for all the local church members will follow the dedicatory exercises at 8:00 p. m., October 14.

Dr. Franklin L. West, U. C. commissioner of Education, will preside at the dedicatory services, and will also attend an address the Stake Conference Sunday, October 13.

Stake Primary Convention

The Fall Convention of the Oakland Stake Primaries will be held in the Oakland Ward Chapel on October 13, 1946. The General Board sends representatives to our Stake only once a year. It will therefore be a big day for all Primary workers to meet the General Board members who will attend, inspire, and instruct us. We urge every one to be there ready to get all the instructions and knowledge for Primary work that will be presented at this Convention.

A luncheon will be served by the

Stake Welfare Activities

Hilda Perkins, Relief Society Work Director, reports that the October activities of Welfare Center will be the canning of tomatoes raised by Hayward Ward. Workers are being recruited from the Wards to do the canning evenings instead of in the day hours. This change to evenings was made so that the help of the men of the Stake may be utilized for the heavier lifting in connection with this work. In all, about 50 cases of tomatoes will be put up for Stake welfare use. Sixty cases of apricots were processed and canned this spring.

Mrs. Perkins reports that more use is being made of the Welfare Center canning facilities by the families of the Stake for their own use. This is encouraged and all interested at any time are invited to call Mrs. McBride, SW. 6643 and make arrangements with her so that the equipment may be ready. She will assist in the proper procedure. Cans, size 2½, are in stock and may be purchased at the Center at 6c each can, either enamel or clear tin. This charge of 6c pays for the can and for use of the equipment under the supervision of Mrs. McBride. As now equipped, only tomatoes and fruit may be canned at the Center, not vegetables, although equipment had been ordered for vegetables, also.

News from the Southland

Arlow W. Nalder, brother to Bishop Claude Nalder of San Francisco Ward, has been named Bishop of Inglewood Ward.

Isaac Stewart, formerly of southern California, but now of Westchester Branch of the Church in Scardale, New York, has just been selected as a typical American boy and his daily life photographed for use in movies to show the German youths how an average American boy lives. He will also appear in a full length movie on Scouting, now being made by Warner Brothers.

Loraine Day

Loraine Day, the movie star, as most people know, is an ardent LDS and holds her membership in Beverly Hills Ward where her home is not only open to other film notables but to members of the Ward. Her birthplace was the little town of Roosevelt far off the railroad even to this day in Uintah County, Utah. She has portrayed about thirty roles, the latest release being "The Locket."

Deseret Industries in California

The Deseret Industries in Los Angeles is always active, giving employment to many otherwise unemployable, but under the management of a well-paid executive. Salvage material is secured from the homes of the Saints, a truck calling regularly on scheduled runs for this purpose. (Some wonder why not a Deseret Industries for the East Bay, also).

A new walk-in refrigerator unit has recently been installed at the Bishop's storehouse and is proving of great value in Inglewood Stake.

The members of the So. California colony are offered a limited number of frozen food lockers which are being built in the Stake Welfare Center, just across the street from the Stake Tabernacle. Owners of the lockers may have their food processed at the Stake Welfare Center. A modern wholesale and retail butcher shop will be operated in connection with the locker service. 1000 lockers will be in use.

Beneficial Agents Convention

A joint convention of the four California Agencies of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company was held September 5, 6, and 7 at Huntington Lake. Charles Taylor's agency was represented from this region. Clyde Summerhays, superintendent of agencies was present.

—The Calif. Intermountain News

M. I. A. News

November 2 and 3, at the San Francisco Stake house, is the date and location for the M. I. A. Inter-Stake Convention.

M. I. A. Harvest Ball

The Stake Board members are extremely excited about our first affair, "The Harvest Ball", which comes the evening after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29. It is to be held in the spacious ballroom of the Scottish-Rite Temple, Oakland. The ballroom is to be aglow with the beautiful and colorful autumn foliage we so enjoy at this time of year. The music is to be exceptionally good.

Other intriguing and exciting events in the offing for this winter's fun for M. I. A. are dinner dancing, Victory Ball, roller skating, carnival and music festival.

The Stake officers urge the Ward M. I. A. activity leaders to get their "Activity Calendars" in as early as possible—mail to Zelnora Evans, 4209 Balfour Ave., Oakland, California.

Stake Officers at General Conference

The Stake Presidency entire, and Ruth S. Hilton and most of the Relief Society Board, including Irene Ranker, Hilda Cheek, Ila Mortenson, LaVon Johnson, and Lila Graham; and Annetta Wood, Stake Primary President.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger,
and he will prepare the way before
me; and the Lord whom ye seek,
shall suddenly come to his temple."
Mal. 3:1.

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hereafter by the members of
the wards of the Oakland Stake
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Hayward Ward News

Active in the affairs of the local
high school are Helen Emerson,
who does feature stories for the
Hay-Press, school paper, and Dona
Webb, sports editor of the pa-
per. Daryle Webb (cousin), cre-
ator of Murgatroyd, clever cartoon
character appearing in last spring's
yearbook, is illustrating school ac-
tivities through this "brain-child."

Primary is being held in conjunc-
tion with Sunday School due to
the lack of a hall in which to meet.
Through cooperation with each
other, the Primary and Sunday
School officers have managed to ex-
ecute a working arrangement. Mu-
tual programs and Relief Society
both suffer from the same cause
and are carrying on in homes of
Ward members. Despite this handi-
cap, an extensive program has been
planned for both Mutual Improve-
ment organizations. First big
dance, according to Nell Smith,
Y.L.M.I.A. president, will be the
Halloween costume party.

Mrs. Margaret McClellan suc-
ceeds Mrs. Eva Loomis as presi-
dent of the Relief Society.

We'd like you to meet: Albert
(Abe) Atwood, medium build, re-
maining hair black, quick, ideas gal-
ore, pleasant personality, excellent
speaker, teaches in the Hayward
High School, hails from Sandy,
Utah; served in the Central States
Mission. Abe has fine dramatic
talent. Recently he had the male
lead in the historical pageant
"From the Adobe of Don Castro",
in the Pioneer Days Fiesta. He
gives credit to M. I. A. for prompt-
ing his interest in dramatics. Abe
has a charming wife, Sue, and a
four-year-old son.

Pittsburg Ward News

The night of October 5 was turned
into another M. I. A. evening of
true enjoyment with dancing as
the feature attraction of the eve-
ning. Pittsburg seems in for a ban-
ner year of activities with the com-
plete organization of M. I. A. work-
ers.

The Primary of Pittsburg Ward
will prepare a combination Harvest
Festival and Halloween party for
the evening of October 31. The chil-
dren of the Ward will have the
spot light, but the entire member-
ship is invited. Ulfine Kutsch,
President of the Primary, will be
general overseer.

Ward leadership meetings and
Youth Leadership meetings are get-
ting so large that the meeting place
has been transferred from homes
to the Antioch Women's Club-
rooms. The third Thursday of the
month will be used for Ward lead-
ership and the fourth Thursday for
Youth Leadership.

The Sunday School has started
building screens to separate class-
rooms in the main hall of the Le-
gion Hall. One is being used very
profitably already.

The new M-Men and Gleaner
presidents for this year are Ivan
Haslam for the M-Men, and Ethel
Brown for the Gleaners. A great
year of M-Men and Gleaner activi-
ties is planned.

Irel Barrus has been sustained
very recently to the office of Pres-
ident of the 6th Quorum of elders.
His counselors are to be selected
later.

The ever active Pittsburg Relief
Society has started work for an-
other year. Anna Mae Burns pre-
sented the first lesson in Theology
at the first meeting. Welfare work
will take up a great deal of the
time this year, but with Pittsburg's
consistently faithful sisters it will
prove to be a joy and privilege.

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Claremont Ward

The farewell program for Mar-
gery Wood, the twelfth missionary
to leave from Claremont, was very
impressive. Among the parties
given in her honor were a handker-
shower and a dinner party.

The opening of Mutual combined
a preview of our future courses of
study with an excellent program
and "get-together" over punch and
cookies. The program featured
Lyle Fackerell, Pratt Greer, Vir-
ginia Morris, Mickey Olson, Enid
Young and Anita Hancock. Let's
trust that everyone will be on hand
Tuesday night at 7:30 for a com-
plete M. I. A. show.

Relief Society is in full swing
again with another corps of en-
thusiastic leaders with Sister Meine
at the head. Remember, 2 o'-
clock every Thursday afternoon.

The Weston Taylors have moved
to Salt Lake. "Wes" has been ill
for many months. It was good to
see him at church Sunday morn-
ing.

The Fireside Group had a "pro-
gressive dinner" recently consist-
ing of tossed salad and crackers at
the Heber Browns', chili and milk
at the Joseph Wood's and water-
melon at the Service Mens' Home
in Oakland. A major portion of
the twenty-one missionaries leav-
ing for Australia or New Zealand
within the week and staying at the
"Home" in Oakland, joined in the
fun of being transported from
house to house by truck.

Claremont's first Bishop, Charles
C. Carr, recently returned from a
mission to the Southern States.
While visiting in this area he be-
came ill and was operated upon,
but was soon able to return to Los
Angeles, his present home.

Home from vacations just in
time for the opening of school were
the Heber Browns from North Da-
kota and the E. M. Gleasons and
J. B. Gleasons from Salt Lake

Community Chest Says

Increased population, higher
service costs, new community
needs, repair and replacement of
equipment in health and welfare
agencies, and the demand for con-
tinuing U. S. O. for another year,
make the Community Chest's mini-
mum requirements higher. Broken
homes, juvenile delinquency and
financial distress have increased
and must be dealt with wisely or
we will all suffer in the commu-
nity. The Chest's agencies have to
meet increased costs of personnel,
goods and services. Hence the
need for greater support of the
1946 Community Chest. To support
the Community Chest costs money,
of course, but to let it fail will cost
eventually far more.

GERMAN PRISONERS

Bishop Kirby of Pittsburg is re-
leasing some interesting facts of
missionary work by Pittsburg
Ward elders among the German
prisoners of war that were held at
Camp Stoneman. It has not been
wise to disclose much of this news
heretofore, but now it can be said
that five of the German prisoners
of war were baptized and confirm-
ed members of the church, and
two others applied for baptism but
were hindered from receiving the
ordinance because of military re-
strictions, and several others were
sincerely interested in the Gospel
but were moved before decisions
were made. Before leaving the
camp for England where most of
them are now, the five converts
bore strong testimonies and ex-
pressed appreciation for the know-
ledge of the truth. Several letters
are reaching Bishop Kirby and
others in Pittsburg from these
men.

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Martinez Ward News

Hattie Von Dorp underwent an
operation for appendicitis on the
evening of October 3rd. Laura
Skidmore is reported as being ill,
and Netta Skidmore is recovering
from her illness. We wish them all
speedy recovery. . . . The Cullums
left on the 5th of September for
an extended visit in Utah. While
there they will attend Conference
. . . The Mosier family and Audrey
Johnson are also in Utah for a visit
and will attend Conference . . .
Grant Shaw will also attend Con-
ference. June and Bob Cole have
moved to Quonset Point, Rhode Is-
land, where Brother Cole is now
stationed. . . . The Guymon family
will be moving shortly to their new
home in Boise, Idaho. . . . La Grand
Cooke is acting as substitute for
the Bishop while Bishop McIntyre
is busy studying for his degree.

Sunday School

The Senior Class held a party
which was very successful.

Relief Society

A party is planned for the third
Wednesday in November.

M. I. A.

The Harvest Ball date has not
yet been set, but plans are matur-
ing. During activity period, Mrs.
Mary King is teaching folk dances.
The Junior Girls are planning a
candy sale to raise funds. The
Scouts are having a food drive for
the next two months to gather can-
ned foods, etc., to be distributed on
Christmas.

Away to School

Glenora Robison, U. C. L. A.;
Jeane Sant, University of Utah;
Pat Easton, San Jose. There is a
big empty space with the loss of
these young ladies. Francis Nix
and Joan Barber are attending Cal
again this year.

Ward Welfare Building

We need help. SOS. The rains
will soon be here. Everyone that
can help is asked to lend a helping
hand. It's important. SOS.

'BRITAIN IS A PAGAN PEOPLE'

"In a report of Angelican
Church Bishops recently we come
face to face with the fact that
Britain is a pagan country. Brit-
ain is as pagan, if you like, as the
outer reaches of Tibet or the in-
ner ranges of New Guinea. . . . On
great occasions we go to church
in fashionable numbers. But the
fever does not get us, and only
about ten per cent of our people
are actively connected with the
Christian church. The rest are
mildly interested or mildly indif-
ferent. Some are hostile openly
. . . The biggest stumbling block
to the conversion of Britain is the
church itself."—Christian Century,
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Book Review—Youth and the Church

If one says of this book by Apostle Lee, "I wish every youth between 15 and 50 would consider it a 'must' and read it carefully," perhaps people will deem the recommendation as a little touch of enthusiasm.

Truly, however, here is a "burning bush" of spiritual intelligence and wisdom for "youth of the noble birthright." Full of stories from Elder Lee's wide contacts with youth, replete with stirring appeals, ornamented with poetry of power and beauty, cheering and inspiring as golden morning sunshine, serious and sobering as light-house flashes along rocky coasts in a storm—here is a friendly, great-hearted, soul-stirring book.

"To follow the course of least resistance makes men and rivers crooked."

"To be thrown on one's own resources is to be cast in the very lap of fortune."

"The only true measure of superiority is one's answer to the question, what do you like?"

"You may know you are living a full rich life when you have the

real joy of living. Men are that they may have joy."

"Don't mistake an emotional 'thrill' that passes with the moment for the deep upsurge that is the joy of living."

"Your spirit body needs nourishment at frequent intervals in order to assure its health and vigor: Earthy food does not satisfy this need . . . Family and secret prayers, the reading of the scriptures, love at home and unselfish daily service to others are manna from heaven to feed your souls. All that is contrary to the will of God is as poison to your spiritual life."

"Take time to be holy."

"The rapture of the moment—or the peace of prayer!"

"I am only one—
But I am one;
I cannot do everything
But I can do something,
And what I can do
That I ought to do:
And what I ought to do
By the grace of God
I will do"—E. E. Hale.

Like these excerpts from "Youth and the Church"? Then you'll love the book itself.

—I. B. B.

Berkeley Ward News

A group of fellows, Del Rock, Geo. Sorensen, Don Merrill, Conrad Judd and Charles Hill recently visited Bill Sparks at the Arroya Hospital in Livermore. Bill is much better and the family hopes he will be home for Xmas. His brother, Richard, will be out of the Army by then and it will be a real family reunion.

Norma Decker Carlson and two children recently welcomed Edgar home from Europe after being discharged from the army.

Some of the members who represented our ward at conference are: Bishop Denzel C. Allen and his family, J. Ward Green, La Von Johnson and La Ree Tolman.

The members of Berkeley join the bishopric in expressing their appreciation to the following officers of auxiliary organizations who are being released, for the splendid work they have done:

The Sunday School released Le Roi B. Gardner, John Eastmond, James E. Sabine and David B. Cummings;

Y. M. M. I. A. has released Richard W. Owens, Fleming Pope, Frank Laycock, Delbert Rock, Jr., Former young ladies officers were: Myrle Nebeker, Kay Baer, Barbara Langlois and Barbara Green. The Relief Society loses Thelma Merrill, Veda Allen, Louise Knight and Emma Taylor. Primary outgoing officers include Von Eyring, Lois Jarman and Minerva Bailey.

At the same time we wish good luck to the following who will take over these offices. Sunday School: Joseph C. Eyring, Wesley T. Odell, Owen Cook and David B. Cummings, Y. M. M. I. A.; Frederick E. Huish, C. Ronald Smith, Eugene J. Gibbs and Delbert Rock Jr. Y. L. M. I. A.; Myrle Nebeker Alma Deane Feller, Barbara Langlois and Wanda Gibbs. Relief Society: Anna Patton, Bessie Brady, Eva B. Franz and Anna Sorensen. Primary: Allie D. Gardner, Lois Jarman and Helga Evans. The Genealogical Committee was completed, Reed C. Richardson and Rena B. Buff assisting Heber C. Russell and Stanley F. Patton.

There will be a meeting for all, M-Men (17-24 years of age) who wish to try out for basketball on Oct. 24th at Mutual.

Berkeley's missionary, Scott Barnett, writes that he is located at Silverton, Colorado, a high mining town. "We claim to be the highest missionaries in the Church," he writes. He is feeling fine and enjoying the great call of missionary. "I'm trying to be a good missionary representative for the Berkeley Ward," he adds.

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Stake Quarterly Conference

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for all women of the Stake, and another for all the men, the Stake Priesthood Meeting. And at 10:30 the first general session of the conference opens.

The Stake missionaries will meet with the visiting leaders at 1:30 p. m., and at 2:00 in the afternoon session of the Conference begins. Finis for this conference will be written at 7:00 Sunday evening when the M. I. A. takes over and Elders Lee and Young will again be heard.

Music for the Conference will be furnished by the Singing Mothers of Vallejo, under the direction of Almada Nielsen.

For the January, 1947 Stake Conference, Aaronic Priesthood Ward groups are already at work towards qualifying for a place within a large Stake Aaronic Priesthood Choral.

Girls of the Ramma Rho Chi Club of Berkeley Ward are pictured in "The Church News" of September 14th on the occasion of their visit to the Salt Lake Temple.

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This excursion had been looked forward to for many years. The girls have worked very hard to make it possible. Their efforts, however, have been rewarded, individually and collectively for it has given them a clearer understanding on their part in the plan of salvation.

In Salt Lake City some educational and social activities were directed by Geo. E. and Effie South-

gate and Royle Jensen of Jefferson Ward. Highlights included visiting the Church Offices and the Historians office. The girls were privileged to see the death masks of Joseph and Hyrum Smith and also the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon. They also visited different ward M. I. A.'s. They presented the program at the Sacrament meeting in Jefferson Ward. The climax, however, was in meeting Pres. George Albert Smith, Joseph Fielding Smith, Alvin Smith and Apostles Callis, Merrill and Lee.

The girls all feel greatly indebted to the Southgates and to Royle.

The Gamma Rho Chi girls have high hopes of making another temple excursion next year. The club invites all girls in Berkeley Ward between 15 and 16 to join them in their activities.

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A new position, Church Music Coordinator, with William Legrand Maxwell as current coordinator, has just been announced by the General Church Music Committee. The services he will render are mentioned: (1) travel through the Church directing and holding classes for choisters and organists (2) greatly expand the music of the Church by the use of much new material to be introduced through personal instruction and phonograph recordings (3) assist in working out plans for musical festivals to be held throughout the Centennial year and later.

The new Church Music Coordinator, born in Salt Lake City, has secured a varied professional preparation: 1936 U. of U. major in music and dramatics; 1941 Master's degree, U. of Idaho in Music Education with a thesis written on the topic, "Church Music Institutes (Training Classes) for the Latter-day Saints," 1945 Licentiate Diploma from Trinity College of

Music, Oxford; 1945-46 research study in France on grand operas and organ music. After graduation from U. of U. he served in Mesa, Arizona as Public School Music Director and was also Maricopa Stake Music Director. In Arizona he also conducted Music Institutes and was active in the Little Theatre movement. He was later assigned to promoting weekly concerts while in the U. S. service. The "Madrigal Singers" heard over radio station KLS in another of his promotions.

An unusually scholarly and captivating series of radio addresses is now being reproduced as given by Dr. Franklin S. Harris on such themes as Ancient Records on Metal Plates. The English of the Book of Mormon, Culture of the Book of Mormon People, The Book of Mormon as Literature,

A \$250.00 award is announced in the field of music for a song words and music, suitable for use through the Church, celebrating the Centennial Year, 1947. For a full length drama to serve a like purpose and award of \$200.00 is offered. Other awards are announced in the fields of speech and story.

Vallejo Ward News

The M. I. A. held a fine opening reception on Tuesday, September 8. Elda Lowry and Roland Warr acted as general chairmen for the affair.

Dorfae Lewis and Mr. Thomas B. Olsen of Brigham City, Utah, were married in the Salt Lake Temple September 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Huston Halstead a baby was born September 9. The family is leaving Vallejo for Susanville, Calif. Mr. Halstead will assume management of the Wollworth Company there.

The Elders Quorum entertained at a very successful party September 27, for the Melchizedek Priesthood and their partners. Dancing was enjoyed by all. Door prizes were awarded to Clista Knight and Marjorie Nelson. To Mr. and Mrs. Lester Andrew a baby daughter, Linda Lee, was born Sunday, September 1. Mrs. E. Z. Taylor, acting supervisor for the November Relief Society Bazaar, entertained twenty-two of the Ward younger ladies Wednesday, September 25, at her home. Sewing and making plans for the Bazaar, and a delicious buffet luncheon made this "an unusually nice committee meeting."

The ladies of the Ward were charmingly entertained by the Relief Society presiding September 24 at an opening party.

Miss Shirley Mae Knight became the bride of John J. Enlow, Jr. at the home of the bride's parents, September 17, Bishop Taylor officiating.

Melvin Nielsen, an active Eagle Boy Scout and church member, was elected Student Body President of the Franklin Junior High School for the coming year. With so few Latter-Day Saints attending that school, this is indeed a fine achievement.

The very younger members of the Ward had their fun at an opening Primary party held at the Church on September 18.

For November Balloting

L. D. S. public school teachers employed in Oakland are recommending a "Yes" vote on a local teachers' retirement measure to supplement state benefits and thereby grant teachers a \$100 pension at age 65.

All East Bay school teachers also believe it would be proper to vote "yes" on Proposition 3, which increases state aid to \$120 per pupil and provides for a minimum teachers salary of \$2400.

Similar our teachers favor Propositions 7, 8 and 9 which would properly strengthen the California school system by reorganizing the state department of education and the county superintendent's status as recommended after a survey by Doctor Strayer, world re-nowned school administrator.

A "No" vote on Prop. 13 is recommended since the measure is not in the interests of the children in school.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Sarah Neerings and Mrs. Zina Mulhenbrook, are attending Conference in Salt Lake City.

The second anniversary of the new Vallejo Church building was celebrated October 4 at a Ward party. The debt on the new building was completely paid off in September, 1946.

The C. B. Hursts are leaving Vallejo to make their home in Burley, Idaho. Gratitude and appreciation for their many services are voiced everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard P. Cosby are leaving for the East Central States Mission, where Elder Cosby served forty years ago. After four years in the Vallejo Ward they will be missed greatly.

E. Richmond

These attended the General Conference from our Ward: Bishop and Mrs. Mortensen, Bro. and Sis. Ellis Demar, Jessie Bradeson and Hilda Cheek. Bert and Joyce Hopkins Leavitt have their first baby, a son. Sis. Claude Dewsnup is still at the Permanente Hospital. The 5th Quorum of Elders held an interesting Hardtime Ball October 11.

College entrants from East Richmond include: To B. Y. U., Jack Dewsnup, Shirley Dewsnup Saudell and Dewey Buckley. To U. S. A. C., Logan, Utah, Grant Brough. To U. C., Ellis DeMar, Gordon Maughan, Jay Bowers, Gordon Beckstead, Blaine Lemmon, Joseph Randall, Ortho Buckley, Marjean Haddock, William Hatch, and Lois Isaacs.

Howard Pierce has returned from overseas and is awaiting discharge.

Personality sketch of the month: The Albert Dietlikers came to California in 1924 on a pleasure trip, liked what they found, and have made their home in Richmond ever since, except the year 1932 when they again dwelt in their old home, the 30th Ward, Salt Lake City. After his experience with the Utah Copper Company at Magna, Utah, Albert entered the employ of the Emeryville Chemical Company, where he served until his shipyard services during the war. Now he is with the Ramson Engineering Co. In church service the Dietlikers are hard to beat. Albert has been successively president of M. I. A., Superintendent of S. S., Bishop's Counsellor, Stake missionary four years, Chairman of the Genealogical Committee, and is now Ward clerk. Sis. Dietliker has been, in turn, Ward chorister, Ward organist, teacher of all three classes in R. S., Counsellor and then president of R. S., Supt. Primary, teacher in S. S. and M. I. A., and teacher and secretary Gen. Committee—every office a woman can hold except one or two.

BOYS WILL DO OUTLANDISH THINGS BUT WE HAVE TO BE PATIENT

Some Mormon boys who had been at a baptismal service went home and tried to practice on the cats. With the kittens the immersion was not so difficult, but when they came to the old cat she scratched so viciously that blood was raised on the boys' hands. Said one, "Let's sprinkle her and let her go to hell!"—Bishop Ashton.

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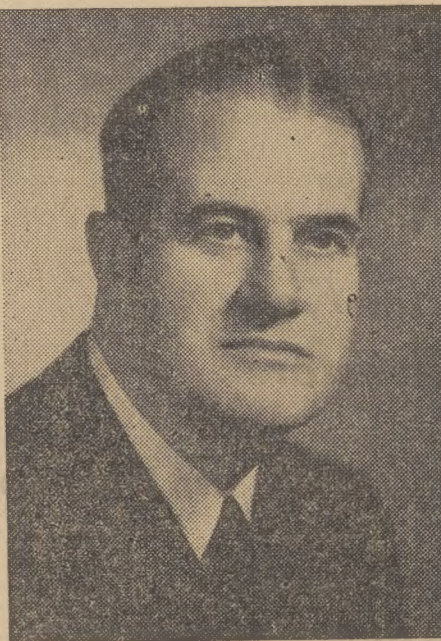
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Oakland Ward News

Brief Biography of Our Ex-Bishop, John G. Shields

Bishop Shields was born in 1882 at Tooele, Utah. At the age of 22 he was called to the Southern States Mission. In 1908 he was married to Annie M. Searle, daughter of a cousin to John C. Searle of our Ward. In 1921 he came to California and entered the grocery business. Later in the general building business he helped construct several skyscrapers in San Francisco and Oakland. For the past 14 years he has been a supervising liquor control officer. In Oakland he has been Sunday School teacher, counselor to former Bishop Carr, member of the Stake Sunday School Board, member of the High Council and Bishop for four and a half years.

Bishop Shields has the distinction of having organized the first "Fire Side" in the entire Church. Bishop Shields has been quite ill for the past several months, but is slowly recovering

The love bug bites again. This time its Barbara Adams who was married to Leland S. Thomas, August 23 in the Salt Lake Temple. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Adams accompanied the couple through the temple. Their honeymoon was spent visiting his folks in Colorado and South Dakota.

Mrs. Eugene Jacobs, Jr. announce the arrival of a baby boy, Stephen Eugene.

Relief Society held a very delightful opening party Tuesday, October 1, honoring especially the new brides. As a very special treat Mavis Humphreys presented a very inspirational talk on "Importance of Strict Obedience to God's Commandments."

A lot of Oakland Ward boys had excellent vacations. One of the most interesting was that taken by Armand Mauss, Bob Bundy, and Dick Ewald, who went up to Seattle one way and came back another way. They had a good car and camped along the way wherever they wanted to. They swam in many hidden lakes and creeks and got a good suburn. They enjoyed themselves just going wherever they wanted, at any time, or camping out or roaming the streets of cities like Portland and Seattle.

Frank Baughman is enlisting in the Army. He has been living with his folks in Reno all summer. So long, Frank!

Emerson Jones, in the Army since last February, is now in Japan, where he expects to be for some time.

Oakland's Scout troop is really picking up after the summer vacations. Roy Richter is serving as Scoutmaster, with Art Rich and Armand Mauss as his two assistants. A swell new troop committee has been formed, composed of young, enthusiastic men who have all been Scouts or Scouters at one time or another.

An outstanding event of the past month was a birthday party given for Peggy Mauss. Forty fellows and girls had a good time together.

Bob Bundy and Kent Merrill were ordained Priests October 16. We are truly happy to see these boys go ahead. Bob has only been a member of the church for a year, and has shown many acts of faithfulness. Nice work, Bob!

Elder Herman Uffens was given a farewell in the Oakland Chapel October 1, prior to his departure for the Netherlands mission. The love and prayers of the Saints of the Ward go with Elder Uffens.

\$300 MILLION RECLAMATION PROJECT SEEN FOR UTAH

Secretary of the Interior, J. A. King, has informed the Utah congressional delegation in Washington that his department is favorable to construction of the Central Utah irrigation and power project. His department stands ready to collaborate in preparing a congressional bill authorizing the Utah project. Secretary King and his associates will visit Utah in May to familiarize themselves with the importance of irrigation to Utah and what its future development means to the economy of the state. —Calif. Intermountain News

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Receiving the students were Director and Mrs. George T. Boyd, Bro. and Sis. Dick Poll and Bro. and Sis. Easton Sampson. Refreshments were served in the large dining room. Bro. Boyd announced that this room will be open daily from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M., as a library and reading room. An instrumental trio furnished music all evening.

The Institute will offer two two-unit courses in religion this semester: Mormon Doctrine and Philosophy, and the Religion and Literature of the Old Testament. Bro. Boyd also announced that a chapter of Lemba Delta Sigma is to be installed sometime before the end of the semester, and that the Desert Club will fulfill the social program of the Institute until that installation is effected.

Richard Poll conducts the Sunday School held at the institute 10:30 Sunday mornings.

The Institute program includes (1) Formal courses in religion (2) a worship program (3) student activities, social, cultural, recreational and (4) a counseling program in personal problems through group discussion and personal consultation.

The Student Cabinet for 1946-47 consists of Richard Poll, George Ellsworth, Barbara Lester, Joanne Hicken, Mary Watkinson, LeRoy Eyring, B. Easton Sampson, Lola Nielsen, Anne Wood and Walter Scott.

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The gospel is simply a plan of life, the best way of living, and is concerned with every moment of our lives. For example I am a junior in high school. I examine the program of classes and see that my graduation and diploma depend upon the completion of certain definite subjects which I must choose, and through experience, decide which are the best subjects to follow.

It is a plan of work, the best plan they have for me; they call it a schedule. I have my choice about it. No one, not even the principal can compel me to take them. I can accept only half of them, or I can list all of them and fool away my time in riotous living, in unnecessary social parties and pleasures, in which case I come to the end of the year disappointed

and sorrowful because I failed to make the required standard of work.

I can not blame my parents, the school or the teachers. I alone am responsible. The best plan of work and study was laid out for me; parents provided food and clothing; the school was well equipped, and teachers were willing and eager to help.

The school is the world in which I live. The class program or schedule, is the gospel plan. In it are certain definite things to do. I can take them or leave them at my own choice. A thousand worldly interests are enticing me away. I must make my own decision and abide by the result. If I accept and live the requirements of this gospel plan, or schedule of living, I must give up some worldly activities, but the satisfaction which will come from living the better

life will more than recompense for the sacrifices.

I will be happy and content all the way through life, though I may, and will, meet many trials along the way. But if I rebuke them, in the end I will receive eternal life. So, then, the gospel simply is the best possible plan of life to insure the greatest happiness.

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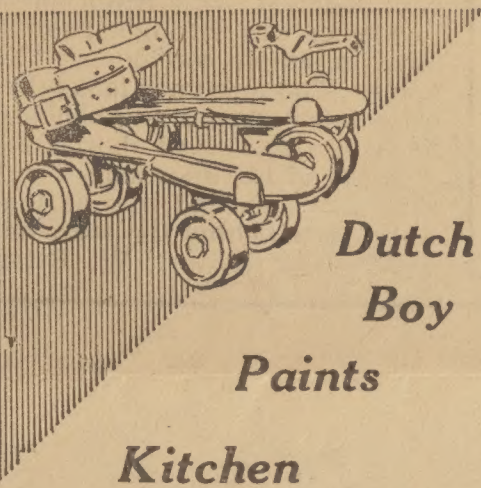
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Miracles

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Faith and Works

"An old Scotchman operated a rowboat for transporting passengers across one of the little lakes in Scotland. One day a passenger noticed that he had carved on one of the oars the word 'Faith,' and on the other the word 'Works.' Curiosity led him to ask the meaning of this."

The old man replied, "I will show you." He dropped one oar and plied the other called "Works," and the boat just went around in circles. Then he dropped that oar and began to ply the other oar "Faith," and the little boat again went around in circles—this time the other way.

After this demonstration the old man picked up both "Faith" and "Works" and plying both oars together sped swiftly over the water, commenting as he went "You see, that is the way it is in the Christian life."—Canadian Churchman.

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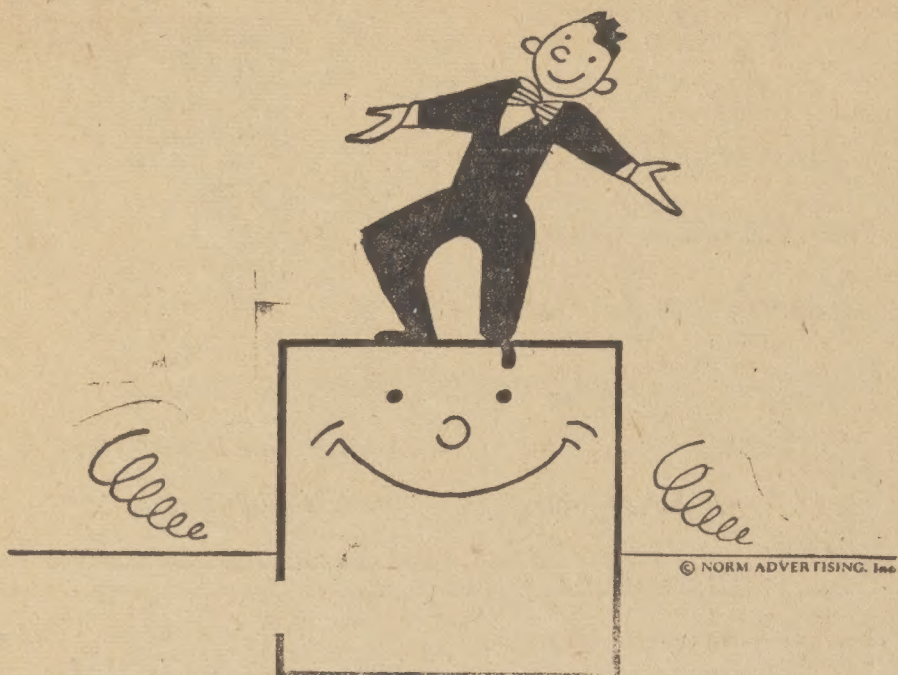
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He flipped a coin into the sawdust, and the two fingers came up and grabbed it. This was reflex action. Let your love for truth be as strong as this passion for money and you can work miracles also.

the story of a conversation he once had with an Arabian companion, as they rode camels at night across the desert. The brilliant stars prompted him to inform his untutored companion of the discoveries of modern astronomy. The Arabian listened with attention until Lawrence was through. Then he replied in simple confidence: "Yes, it is true. The foreigner looks through his wonder glasses and beholds millions of stars. And that is all. He is proud of his knowledge. But the Arab looks up and sees only a few stars. But behind the stars he sees God."—Rev. Robert W. Etter.

Trusting The Lord

"President Young preached in the tabernacle followed by H. C. Kimball. In the afternoon at a prayer circle the president spoke of a blank in the History of The Church, and related the following: 'A few months after the martyrdom of Joseph the Prophet, in the autumn and winter of 1844 we did much hard labor in the Nauvoo temple, during which time it was difficult to get bread and other provisions for the workmen to eat. I counseled the committee who had charge of the temple funds to deal out all the flour they had, and God would give them more; and they did so, and it was but a short time

before Brother Toronto came and brought me twenty-five hundred dollars in gold. The bishop and the committee met, and I met with them, and they said, that the law was to lay the gold at the apostles' feet. Yes, I said and I will lay it at the bishop's feet, so I opened the mouth of the bag and took hold of the bottom end, and gave it a jerk toward the bishop, and strewed the gold across the room and said, now go and buy flour for the workmen on the temple and do not distrust the Lord any more; for we will have what we need." — D. L. Wright.

Walnut Creek

Another progressive step was taken when the Walnut Creek Branch recently became independent. Members living in this district can now have their recommendations recorded in this Branch.

Walnut Creek Branch will be well represented at General Conference in Utah. Among those present will be President and Mrs. Kenneth Jensen, Dr. and Mrs. Emory Ranker, and Margaret Openshaw.

Hector Evans was set apart as First Counselor to the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

The first ordination in the "new branch" took place when Donald Evans was ordained a teacher.

Officers and teachers of the Relief Society were set apart as follows: Emma Amtoft, President; Erma Whitney, First Counselor; Ester Wakeman, Second Counselor; Leona Dalby, Secretary and Treasurer; Dewey Williams, Chorister; Elaine Jensen, Pianist; Myrtle Osborne, Erma Whitney, Dewey Williams, Margaret Openshaw, Teachers, and Pauline Fowler, Sewing Instructor.

Three sisters were baptized this month: Gail, Gay and Beora Snow, daughters of Mrs. Bertie Snow.

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Dimond Ward News

We regret the death of Sister Verna Alsing, who passed away September 22.

The Relief Society Presidency are happy over the success of their opening party. Luncheon was served to over seventy women who also enjoyed a short program.

On the second Tuesday of every month will be a sewing class led by Sister Ruth Shurtleff, a seamstress, and one of the best. All who want to learn to sew should come.

Relief Society is now being held at 10:00 a. m. There will be a baby tender each Tuesday. Lets all come and support our Relief Society.

The Scouts Court of Honor will be held Tuesday, October 15, at M. I. A.

Notice—Those requiring extra copies of the Messenger may obtain them from the Ward librarian. The Ward will provide free copies for each of our service men and missionaries if the families concerned will assume responsibility of notifying the Messenger of change of address.

The Bishop asks that everyone observe Fast Day—abstaining from two meals on that day. The saving in money is used for local worthy poor as well as famine-stricken Saints abroad.

Some of the many who went to General Conference are: Charles Maurer and wife, the Lyons family, Zelnora Evans, Glenn Rounds, and President and Mrs. Eugene Hilton.

Glenn Rounds will report on General Conference Sunday night, October 20, and October 27 Don Bennion will be our speaker from the Stake High Council.

Max Clark and Ronnie Larson were married in the Chapel of the Chimes on a recent Saturday afternoon. Our congratulations to them and also to Keith Rainey and bride, May Campfield, and to Dale Rainey, who was married the day after Keith and May.

Don J. Allphin

A OOD OLD SUCCESS STORY....

Would you have connected Don J. Allphin, former High Councilman and now of the Maxfield Ward Bishopric and also successful proprietor of a fine prosperous Jewelry business of his own at 5856 Foothill Boulevard,—I ask, would you have connected Don J. Allphin with the Bradley Horological School of Peoria, Illinois. I'll guess you would have not, so here goes the story.

Before World War I, Don J. was living in Wyoming working for another brother, a jeweler. After the war Don decided to go to a watchmaker's school for training, and that meant spending a year at Peoria, not very far from Chicago, where the aforementioned Horological School (that funny word refers to time pieces) kept Don busy for a year. Then he worked about that watch center for a few months doing trade work for local stores for practice and experience until he returned to Lovell, Wyoming to work with his brother for another year before he generated enough spread to tackle Salt Lake City. There Don J. took work at the Jensen Jewelry store on Main Street and as a side line put the final, attentions necessary to persuade a certain lady to join hands with him in the Salt Lake Temple.

With wings spreading wider and wider, Don J. next took flight for the still longer population center, Oakland, where he had before-time persuaded his father, a home builder, to settle and build. While the father was busy building many lovely homes in the East Bay region Don opened quarters in a store located where Penny's now holds forth at 11th and Washington. There he did trade watch work for jewelry stores exclusively. But in 1930 in the new, growing section of East Oakland Don opened a retail store doing watch and jewelry repair and selling watches and jewelry. He has prospered and expanded until now Don J. has a \$5000 stock of his own, a beautiful home and his good old "Buick" all paid for, clean and sweet. Besides this there is Lawrence, the 24-year-old son, learning the business with "Dad", and the older son Dick enrolled in optometry at "Cal". Eventually they envision one business with all of them together serving the public in jewelry, watches and eye glasses. Can you beat that for a success story?

But better than this material climb is the spiritual success story that has been paralleling the more mundane. Have we not all seen Don J. and his splendid family blossoming and bearing precious fruit year after year in their Church work, going from one calling to another, up the ladder of service, growing in influence for good, and showing faces beaming with peace and joy welling up from richness within? And it all together now and what have you? Real Success.

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Liahona Club News

The September meeting of this L. D. S. business men's club, was held in Berkeley Ward. It was ladies' night and a very interesting program of dancing, singing, and music followed a talk by Mr. McGowen, Asst. Vice-President of the Bank of America in San Francisco. His interesting talk dealt with trends of banking and the growth of industry in the United States and California in particular. The evening was enjoyed by everyone and we thank those who were on the program. The next meeting will be held in Dimond Ward chapel, Monday, October 28.

"Special Interest" Party

The Special Interest groups of the Stake held a party, under the direction of Lewis Roland of the Stake Board, in the Oakland Chapel Recreation Hall. Alameda Ward showed their alertness in this group by sending the largest delegation present. Francis Winkel of Alameda Ward was elected Stake President of the Special Interest Groups of the Stake.

Alameda Special Concert in Berkeley Ward

On October 24 in Berkeley Chapel, Vine and Walnut Sts.; a special concert will be given featuring Emmy Stam, vocalist, and Roland Jensen, pianist. Proceeds go to the Alameda Ward Building Fund.

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The center of the universe is said to be Kolob. (See Pearl of Great Price.) The center of the L. D. S. literary world in California is now said to be the "Kolob Art & Book Company" located at 1662 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley near Virginia Street. The grand opening of this, the first Mormon bookstore on the Pacific Coast, is set for the week of October 14. Several pre-opening evening receptions at the store are planned.

This important addition to Church progress is being operated by three active members of the Church, B. Easton Sampson, Earnest E. Bourne and I. B. Ball. The Store fills a definite need, and is being enthusiastically supported, the proprietors advise. "Among other things, it has great value as a missionary—already we have had numerous calls from non-Mormons interested in L. D. S. literature."

In addition to carrying a complete line of Church publications, the Store has an excellent line of art objects, and operates a general magazine subscription agency department, and items suitable for gifts. "We hope the Saints in this area will soon pay us a visit, if only to look and browse and get acquainted," they say.

The Messenger its good wishes to this new enterprise with every hope for its success. Our readers are invited to patronize the Store. For a long time some of the other churches in this area have had bookstres offering to the general public the literature of the various faiths. Our people may now point with pride to the "Kolob Art and Book Company" in Berkeley.

—T. S. F.

Stake M-Men Officers Elected

JOLLY EVENTS AHEAD

October 2nd delegates from the various Wards M-Men group met in Oakland Ward Chapel and elected stake officers for the coming MIA year. The new President is Gordon Christiansen of Alameda. Forrest Ream of Berkeley is Vice President and Jack Bigler of Dimond Ward is Secretary-Treasurer. Maxwell Park's Howard Thomas is a member of the Executive Committee, having been elected to the position of Athletic Director. Ray Chugg of Elmhurst Ward stepped into the job of Publicity and Advertising Director.

Ray Chugg's first request, on being elected to his new post was that the Messenger call to the attention of all men of M-Man age (17-25) the excellent social and recreational program which has been outlined by the Stake Gleaner Girls and M-Men for this social year. It is as follows:

Halloween Party October 26th; Roller Skating November 6th; Christmas Nite Dancing Party December 25th; Carnival-Dance January 25th; M-Man and Gleaner-Girl Banquet March 15th. Ray announced that the M-Men have already talked to Helen Burdette, Gleaner President, and her fellow-officers about formulating plans for a gigantic Northern California Convention, possibly to commence May 30th. "This is going to be a great year for us," say these new officers.

Announcement is made that a young author, a Pennsylvania convert, plans to write the story of Joseph Smith in verse.

Richmond Ward News

M. I. A. Winter Program began with the Annual Autumn Social Sept., 18th. The program featured dancing and vocal numbers by Bishop Morley and Burtis Case. Refreshments completed an enjoyable evening.

Weekly M. I. A. meetings are now held Wednesday evening at 7:30 P. M.

Relief Society had their opening Social Tuesday Sept. 26th. The attendance was good. A fine program and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Fall lessons began Oct. 1 and will continue each Tuesday.

Fred and Bertha Anderson, formerly of Martinez Ward, are now living in our ward. He was Bishop of that Ward, and is now working with the Adult Aaronic Priesthood in Richmond. Bertha is working with the L. D. S. Girls Committee.

Our Ward had as guest speaker recently Gerrit De Jong Jr., Chairman of the Gospel Doctrine Class of the General Sunday School Board. Brother De Jongs daughter, Nola Sullivan, just returned to Richmond after a visit in Provo, Utah.

Bishop Morley, his wife and Kenneth Calapp, President of the 5th quorum of Elders, attended October conference in Salt Lake City.

Del Carman and family recently spent their vacation in the Utah Parks. The most important part of their trip, they say, was work done in the Salt Lake temple.

Richmond Ward Statistics

Marriage: John William Garrett to Anabel Baron August 5, 1946.

Births: Chryl Lynn to Wallace and Arline Wightman, Aug. 8, 1946.

Son to Robert and Beulah Bradshaw, Sept. 13, 1946.

Son to Kenneth and Vea Calapp, September 18, 1946.

Deaths: Hans A. Nielsen, September 7, 1946.

Can a Christiann Civilization Survive Without Christianity?

"Our humanists and idealists today think they will be able to keep the lasting values of Christian civilization alive apart from the life-giving spirit. That hope is vain. Standards alone will not do. We need power. Nor will conjuring up the memories of our great Christian past save our civilization. The question before us is rather how soon out of the present chaos a new Christian civilization will be born and who its agents will be. The privilege of ushering in a new civilization will be granted to that Church or Christian group which will unreservedly follow the Lord and wait for the outpouring of his Spirit, and to the nation that will follow that lead." Otto A. Paper, Christian Century, March 20, 1946.

Read the first section of the Doctrine and Covenants. Note how it fulfills Mr. Piper's cry for a Church that is destined to usher in "a new Christian civilization."

"Wherefore I the Lord, knowing the calamities which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant, Joseph Smith, jun., and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments . . .

"To bring it forth out of obscurity, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth with which I, the Lord, am well pleased, speaking unto the church collectively and not individually.

SCHOOL BONDS FOR BERKELEY

On Tuesday October 5 Berkeley is expected to authorize bonds for the long-delayed expansion of their school facilities. Speaking as a retired teacher, Ye Editor, feels to heartily hope that this measure will not escape the attention of the Berkeley saints. Just as sure as the community tries to skimp on the schools it will have to pay the hard way through more juvenile delinquency. And these bonds are a minimum amount needed, not an excess by any means.

Maxwell Park News

"Let's go to Mutual." M. I. A. promises most interesting program for the year. New officers are: Mary Bennett, president; Barbara Martin and Jerry Larson, counselors, and Vera Bodily, secretary. Supt. Charles Bybee has chosen as counselors Earl Larsen and Glenn Bennett. Of very special interest in Mutual is the program of dancing each week. On alternate Tuesdays will come instruction in square dances, and in the modern M. I. A. dances, all under the direction of Dance Directors Barbara and Don Adams. Other Tuesday evenings will be spent in social dancing.

Primary

Our Primary Association also has new and willing workers who are "putting their shoulders to the wheel" to push the Primary into gay and interesting channels for the children. Gertrude Wood has chosen Lillian Adamson and Dallas Pocock as counselors. The Chorister is Leah Finch, a new Ward member. Leah has lots of talent. It is a blessing for the children to have her capable and pleasant leadership.

Relief Society

A very successful opening social was held. Under the direction of Beatrice Larsen a splendid program of games were enjoyed. Refreshments followed. Everyone had a lovely sociable time.

Sunday School

The very large attendance is truly a joy to behold each Sunday morning. Everyone will enjoy coming to see for themselves.

S. F. Stake News

At the first Quarterly Conference of the new S. F. Stake, September 28 and 29, 597 were in attendance in the morning session, a number almost equal to the attendance at the former stake conference before the division into two stakes. Similarly at the Palo Alto Stake Conference held the week previous the attendance was also almost as large as formerly for the whole area before division. The rule seems to be "Divide and Grow" with our church units.

Apostle Merrill's inspiring testimony was the glorious high-light of the Conference. Music was by Sunset Ward Choral under Jean Lauper, and the S. F. Ward Choir under Lavon Wright Thomas.

Harold J. Hickenlooper and Harold R. Jensen were sustained as High Councillors and Delilah Fuelleneach as president and Beatrice Semister as counsellor in the Stake Relief Society.

The evening session of the conference was distinguished by a Religious Dramatization of III Nephi, songs and spoken word by Betty Jensen. Among those attending U. C. from S. F. are Jack Wilson, and Elma Armstrong.

S. F. Stake has just purchased five lots on Washington and Juniperó Serra on which will be erected a large Welfare Building for storage and work.

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Oakland Tribune Features General Conference Address

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 5—(P)—For the second time in two days the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Church conference concerned itself with labor problems today as Dr. Joseph F. Merrill called for the outlawing of the closed shop, jurisdictional and sympathy strikes.

Merrill, a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, demanded the three types of union action be "at once outlawed by the Federal government and every State in the Union."

Earlier another member of the council, Albert E. Bowen, termed the method of dealing with strikes in the country "uncivilized."

Merrill, addressing another packed session of 8000 in the Mormon Tabernacle, termed his talk "the gloomy outlook."

"Shall America be as the founding fathers planned—the land of the free and the home of the brave?" he asked. "If so, the repeal of some laws and the making of better one is the need of the hour. . . .

"The method of the strike has been the mass-picket and the closed shop. What difference, in principle, is there between this method of holdup and that of a gun? In both methods forms of robbery? And is not robbery intolerable to our American way of life? Does not freedom demand that all forms of robbery be outlawed?"

Bowen said labor's strike weapon "breeds lawlessness, eventuates in anarchy and will destroy any government or society. Our method of handling these industrial disputes belongs to an age of barbarism and is a National disgrace." —Oak Tribune, Oct. 6, 1946.

Alameda Ward News

A barbecue party was held in the patio of the Wendell Jensen home as the opening social of the Relief Society September 23. President Erma Lane invites all the ladies of the ward to participate in the Relief Society meetings each Monday afternoon at 2 p. m.

The Special Interest Fireside Group held their first meeting at the home of the newly elected "Spingro" president, Reed Schow, Sunday evening, September 30. Mr. and Mrs. Den Bennion were special guests. Mrs. Bennion delighted the group with a book review. The following Mutual evening a get-acquainted party was held at which 25 were present.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark Gubler and family, well known in Berkeley and Alameda, left for Salt Lake City October 4. Doctor Gubler has received an appointment as research assistant in medicine at the U. of U. Medical School. Elder Gubler has been serving as a stake missionary.

On October 24 in Berkley Ward a concert will be given featuring Emmy Stam, vocalist and Roland Jensen, pianist. Proceeds will go to the Ward Building Fund.

LaVina Holdaway has been appointed Ward book agent and Church News Representative. Profits go to the Building Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fontana represented Alameda Ward at the General Conference.

Evelyn Hermann will be married October 20 to Edgar Fink.

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Redding Branch News

The young people of Shasta District were featured in the District Conference held in Redding September 28 and 29.

On Saturday night Redding branch played host to the other five Branches in a dancing party. There are not enough young people in any branch to make branch activities interesting. A special effort is theretofore being made to bring all the branches together for District parties as often as possible. This is the first attempt to do this, and the enthusiasm and good spirit that prevailed Saturday night were very encouraging.

Sunday afternoon general plans were made for the winter. Each branch will plan a party for the rest of the District, and a District Green and Gold Ball will be held. Officers were chosen by the young people.

At the general meeting of the conference at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, every branch of the District was represented on the program.

It was the kind of a District Conference that folks like. It has developed so much unity and harmony among the people.

On Sunday afternoon departmental meetings were held for the Auxiliary organizations.

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Marjorie Wood

Latest missionary from Claremont Ward which has the proud distinction of having six of the stakes 18 missionaries in the field. Margorie entered the Mission Home October 7.

Attention Gleaner And M-Men

Come one and all and dance to your favorite bands at the Halloween Costume Ball to be held at Oakland Ward, Saturday, October 26, 1946 at 8:30 p. m. Refreshments and prizes for the most unique costumes.

Let's all go skating at the Diamond Roller Rink on Wednesday, November 6. Tickets will be obtainable through your Ward Gleaner leader or officers. Watch for further announcements.

Message of the Stake Presidency

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pertinent facts and conditions involved, but in no case do we assume to make the decision which the God-given free agency of every person entitles them to make for themselves. Thus we do not sponsor any temporal movement unless it is a part of the announced program of the church itself.

All men can and should be active as individual citizens apart from their office in all worthy movements which will in their judgment further righteousness, good government, justice and truth.

Faithfully your Brethren,
Eugene Hilton
W. Glenn Harmon
Delbert F. Wright

247 Quorum Of Seventy

The 27th Quorum of Seventy held a party Friday, Oct. 11th for members and their wives; the party began with a buffet supper and included entertainment features and dancing. This Quorum's Socials in the past have been entertaining instructive augmented by films or travelogues from the University of California, or the addresses by some well-known Speaker or Lecturer.

Elmhurst Ward News

"MAKE THE MOST OF ONE'S SELF FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS," is a maxim being followed by the young people of Elmhurst Ward. Many of them have enrolled for training and education in higher institutions of learning. We wish them treasures of knowledge.

A Freshman at Brigham Young University, Utah is Carol Davidson. At San Francisco State College are: Ruth Osmond, Doris Jeffries, Lola Sutton, Blaine Wilson, Ross Wilson and Gene Coffin.

Attending the University of California at Berkeley we find Marilyn Sims and Gerry Smith White undertaking advanced studies, at the same institution are: Herbert J. Marsh, Howard J. Marsh, and James Muir.

At our Sacramento Meeting September 15, Emery Ranker, M. D., of the Stake High Council, gave an outstanding address.

Our M. I. A. got off to a fine start September 17th. All classes were well attended and we are sure a very successful season is ahead.

The special interest group has a varied and intensely interesting program. Each Tuesday evening there will be a different type of program. Music appreciation lecture and demonstration methods, Literature and Applied Psychology are included with special guests covering each subject. The Drama and Art departments are enthusiastically attended.

The M-Men and Gleaners made a grand beginning—are one of the outstanding groups in our ward for consistent attendance at all meetings.

The Boy Scouts and Bee Hive groups are well attended and active.

Our fireside group has enjoyed two very fine guest speakers this month. Brother Eugene Jacobs, of the Stake High Council, and Brother Harry R. Fletcher, Stake Patriarch. Attendance averages 50. The course of study is entitled "Preparation for Marriage."

The Missionary class in Sunday school under the direction of Brother Harry Mower, is a most interesting Forum. Our returned Service men are making valuable contributions in this group.

Our Ladies Class, under the efficient leadership of Helen Ream, enjoyed as a guest September 17th Dr. Russell Swenson. He spoke on the subject, "Reformation," from a historical standpoint.

Lavon Osmond has been selected as our new Girl's Committee Coordinator.

Some of the members of this ward who attended the General Conference were: Bishop and Mrs. Darton, Catherine H. K. Marsh, Bro. and Sis. Lewis Williams, Bro. and Sis. Harry Mower and Bro. and Sis. Glenn Smith.

Thousands Waiting For Gospel Truths

Words of a young serviceman convert to "Mormonism": There who are really good deep down inside them but who are just led by blind leaders, and are waiting for some of the Latter-day Saints to

Oakland Stake

A recent convert's experience is stimulating to the faith of those who are interested in the Gospel.

This man first met members of the church in the Canal Zone in Panama, and later some missionaries there returning from South America. He noted their appearance and habits and was impressed with what he saw. Later he had opportunity to further observe the actions of some Mormon boys of his crew on a destroyer who were living up to the standards of the Church in spite of the obstacles and opportunities to do otherwise. He saw that the boys did not swear, drink liquor, smoke or engage in the off-color stories.

While in the Pacific area this man was attracted to the church in Honolulu and there saw Japanese received as members of the church even while we were fighting them on the battle front. Here, he thought, is an expression of the true brotherhood of man spoken of by the Lord Jesus Christ. Subsequently while hospitalized in Colorado he sought out a branch of the Church where he saw harmony, friendliness and love of one another existing among the members. He read a number of books which led him to seek for further knowledge and light. Upon assignment to Mare Island he sought the church and came in contact with the Stake missionaries. Early this summer he entered the waters of baptism. Now he has received the Priesthood and is actively working in the Church.

The experience of this brother should be an incentive for everyone to take an active part in the Church program and live his religion so that other men seeing their good works may be led to accept the truth and enter into the salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

President Ariel A. Andersen was released as president of the Berkeley District in July. Elder Paul B. Braby, one of the presidents of the 273rd Quorum of Seventy, was appointed in his stead. Elder Raymond A. Dow, having filled a Stake Mission, has been called to serve another term and has been appointed President of the Vallejo District succeeding President Miller. President Weston W. Taylor of the Claremont District has had a very serious illness and it has been necessary for him and his family to move to Salt Lake. We wish him God speed and pray that he will be able to enjoy a return to health and strength.

New Missionaries: Oakland Ward—Tracy Bingham, Paul Zeuner, Rebecca Charlotte Nethercott, Joel Edward Ogden, Lorna Merrill, James L. Weaver, Hazel Elliott, Jacoba Neuthermann; Maxwell Park Ward—Ruth Williams, Louella Dean Marchant, Vivian Williams, Wilhelmina Martin, Margaret Person, Bessie Dean Krage, Betty Lou Thomas, Charles H. Martin, Joyce Briscoe, Howard Earl Thomas.

Berkeley Ward—Jeannette Ostland Barrett, Edith Mae Pyle; Alameda Ward—James Stam; Vallejo Ward—Raymond A. Dow; Dimond Ward—Alma Scheuller, Anson G. Perkins, Leonard Joseph Lyon, Max Russon Clark; Hayward Ward—William Robert Lenfestey.

Releases: Dorothy Harris, Etta Mower, Charles G. Miller, Fern Allphin, Estherella Kaleikau, Lawrence J. Sears, Clark Gubler, Ariel Anderson, Ivan J. Beck, Paul Isaaksen, and Weston W. Taylor.

talk plain to them and show them the better things of the Gospel. They partake of the sinful things because they are just pushed into them. We must show them the really fine way to live, and they will like it and accept the Gospel. I am so glad I have found it out myself. Now we all must carry it to those who are waiting."

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